

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and New River-Highlands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) invite citizens to a public meeting to develop the Water Quality Implementation Plan (IP) to address fecal coliform bacteria impairments and sediment in the Back Creek in Pulaski County, Virginia. This Pulaski County stream was identified as impaired due to violations of Virginia's water quality standards for fecal coliform bacteria and General Standard (benthic). DEQ and DCR seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of the IP. The IP is a clean up plan that identifies ways to meet the pollution reductions outlined in the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies. The TMDL's for these impairments were completed and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Virginia Water Control Board in 2004 and are available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl>

The initial public meeting on the development of the IP for the Back Creek impairments will be held on:

Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 6:00 PM

Edwards Hall, Room 206

New River Community College

Dublin, Virginia

The purpose of the meeting is to solicit public input on the development of an implementation plan for the fecal coliform and General Standard (benthic) impairments. Section 62.1-44.19.7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDL's. The IP will include the corrective actions needed to reduce bacteria and sediment and their associated costs,

benefits and environmental impacts. The IP also provides measurable goals and a timeline of expected achievement of water quality objectives. A fact sheet on the development of the IP is available upon request. The impaired segment addressed in the plan is:

- Back Creek: 16.37 miles from mouth of New River to river mile 16.37 on Back Creek

How to comment: The public comment period for this public meeting will end on February 28, 2006. Oral comments will be accepted and addressed at the public meeting. Additional questions or information requests should be addressed to Jason Hill. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to:

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